The Tariff Policy Committee (TPC), an advisory committee, and the Washington State Transportation Commission (WSTC) are recommending that fares on Washington State Ferries (WSF) be increased on May 1, 2006. This proposal will continue to implement the fare policy component of the WSF Financial Plan and promote stabilization of WSF's operating budget.

A summary of the proposal follows. For more detailed information, refer to wsf's web site (www.wsdot.wa.gov/ferries/fares) during the public comment period.

Public input is an important part of the process. Historically, public comments have lead to substantive changes to the final proposal adopted by the Transportation Commission.

1 General Fare Increase

The proposal calls for most fares to be raised 6% on May 1, 2006, with all fares rounded to the next nickel. This fare increase would be similar to past 5% increases with quarter and dime rounding.

Some fares in the San Juan Islands need additional adjustments based on continuing the phased implementation of the distance-based Tariff Route Equity (TRE), begun in 2001. In May 2006, oversize vehicle fares on the Anacortes-Friday Harbor route and all fares on Interisland routes in the San Juan Islands would increase by 5% more than the general fare increase (with nickel rounding). This change would mark the final TRE adjustment for the Anacortes-Friday Harbor route.

2. Motorcycle Fare Ratio Change

The current fare ratio of standard vehicles to motorcycles is 5:1 (the ratio is applied to the vehicle portion of the fare only). This ratio was established in 1992 and based on the Department of Transportation's Design Manual standards for the size of motorcycle and vehicle parking spaces.

The proposal calls for changing the ratio to 4:1, which more closely reflects the true ratio of space a motorcycle requires on the vehicle deck when compared to a standard vehicle. The impact of this change is an increase in motorcycle fares in addition to the general fare increase.

While vehicle traffic system-wide has decreased in recent years, motorcycle traffic has increased substantially. The "nook-and-cranny" spaces that some motorcycles fit into are not sufficient, and more motorcycles are utilizing standard vehicle lanes.

Using standard motorcycle sizes and assuming a 1-foot border of space around each motorcycle would allow four motorcycles to fit into one standard vehicle CUBE space (8'6" \times 20'). The loading would be two abreast in the 8'6" wide lane and two deep within the 20' length.

3. Monthly Passes

The proposal calls for limiting usage of the monthly pass to 31 round trips per month and deeming the pass non-transferable, non-reproducible, and intended for a single user.

4 Commercial Accounts

MAINTENANCE FEE: To cover the cost of administering the commercial account program, the proposal calls for instituting a non-refundable, up-front maintenance fee of \$50 per year on all commercial accounts.

number of "in-need" organizations serving "in-need clients" that currently utilize the severability of the frequent user coupon books to effectively provide single trip discounts to their clients. To mitigate the financial impact on these organizations from the loss of severability under the new Electronic Fare System (EFS), the proposal calls for the development of a new discount program targeted to in-need organizations.

For qualified organizations, the program would offer a volume-based discount, applied after certain levels of usage are achieved, to match current frequent user policies. Appointing bodies (those who appoint Ferry Advisory Committees) will nominate organizations that meet the criteria of the program to the wstc, who will certify them.

5. Extension of Over-height Surcharge Waiver for Wheelchair Lifts

The over-height surcharge is currently waived for an overheight vehicle with an attached wheelchair lift if that vehicle is under 20' in length. However, if the over-height vehicle with an attached wheelchair lift is 20'–30' in length, the surcharge is not waived. Because the intent of the waiver is that wheelchair lift equipped vehicles not be subject to the burden of an over-height surcharge, the proposal calls for extending the waiver to vehicles 20'–30' in length.

6 wac Language Changes

Certain terms and phrases currently in the Washington Administrative Code (wac) do not match terms and phrases generally used by WSF, while other terms need to be updated to reflect changes with EFS. Therefore, the proposal calls for changing some WAC language to more closely align with WSF vernacular and with EFS.

7 Delay of Tollbooth Pricing

Last year's proposal included a higher price for discounted multi-ride products purchased at the tollbooth when those products are also available at kiosks and online. The tollbooth price for all of the Frequent User Multi-ride cards and monthly passes was to begin on May 1, 2006. Because EFS will not be fully implemented system-wide by January 2006, the proposal calls for delaying implementation of a higher tollbooth price on multi-ride discounted media until the first fare change opportunity no sooner than six months after successful completion of EFS implementation system-wide. The earliest possible implementation date would be October 9, 2006.

Public Review

The public comment period will extend through the end of the Transportation Commission public hearing on March 23, 2006. Assuming Commission action at the hearing, fares would take effect on May 1, 2006.

Public Meetings

Wed. Feb. 15 Vashon Island

6:30 – 8:00 PM Vashon Island High School (Commons) 20120 Vashon Hwy SW, Vashon

Thur. Feb. 16 Southworth

6:00 – 7:00 PM John Sedgewick Jr. High School (Commons) 8995 SE Sedgwick Road, Port Orchard

Wed. Feb. 22 Whidbey Island

6:00 – 7:00 PM Trinity Lutheran Church (Fireside Room)
18341 State Route 525, Freeland

Thur. Feb. 23 **Anacortes** 9:00 – 10:30 AM Flounder Bay Café

2201 Skyline Way, Anacortes

Thur. Feb. 23 **Orcas Island**

2:00 – 3:30 PM Orcas Center, Madrona Room 917 Mount Baker Road, Eastsound

Thur. Feb. 23 **Friday Harbor** 5:30 – 7:00 PM Mullis Senior Center

589 Nash St., Friday Harbor

Mon. Feb. 27 Bremerton

6:00 – 7:00 PM Norm Dicks Government Center 345 6th St., Bremerton

Wed. Mar. 1 Bainbridge Island

6:30 – 8:00 PM Bainbridge Commons 370 Brien Dr., Bainbridge Island

Public Hearing Transportation Commission

Thu. Mar. 23 **Seattle (Downtown)**10:00 AM – PSRC Board Room, 5th Floor

12:00 NOON 1101 Western Ave., Seattle

New Fare Proposal

Implementation Date May 1, 2006

The Tariff Policy
Committee & wsr
want to hear
from you.

Washington State Ferries



A series of public meetings and a public hearing are scheduled throughout the Ferry System's service area. Also, comments can be forwarded via postal mail, e-mail, fax or phone.

Ways to Comment

Website www.wsdot.wa.gov/ferries/fares/

E-mail tariff@wsdot.wa.gov

Fax **206.515.3773**Phone **1.888.808.7977**

Postal mail Tariff Proposal

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Seattle Bremerton

Edmonds

Kinaston

\$6.10

3.00

4.90

current

10.60

9.05

4.60

current

13.30

11.75

5.80

169.60

169.60

73.60

73.60

48.80

48.80

79.10

79.10

Seattle Bainbridae Isl.

Pass. fares round-trip

current proposed

\$6.50

3.25

5.20

proposed

11.25

9.60

5.25

proposed

14.10

12.45

6.60

proposed

180.00

182.50

84.00

86.50

52.00

54.50

83.20

84.20

PASS NOT AVAILABLE AT TOLL BOOTH

All routes on and off Vashon Island (except passenger-only) share the same fare structure. Seattle-Bremerton and Edmonds-Kingston auto ferry route fares are set equal to the Seattle-Bainbridge fares to spread traffic

Port Townsend

All fares one-way

current proposed

\$2.50

1.25

2.00

proposed

8.70

7.45

4.05

proposed

10.90

9.65

5.10

proposed

139.20

141.70

64.80

67.30

40.00

42.00

64.00

65.00

Kevstone

\$2.35

1.15

1.90

current

8.20

7.00

3.60

current

10.30

9.10

4.50

current

131.20

131.20

57.60

57.60

37.60

37.60

61.20

61.20

Fauntleroy Vashon

Implementation Date May 1, 2006

Between

Sidnev

7.30

11.80

current

39.50

32.10

19.75

current

49.50

42.10

24.75

Anacortes

All fares one-way

current proposed

\$14.70 \$15.60

7.80

12.50

proposed

41.90

34.10

22.20

proposed

52.40

44.60

27.75

Between

N/C

N/C

N/C

current

13.90

4.00

current

17.40

17.40

5.00

current

\$13.90 \$15.45

Lopez, Shaw, Orcas &

Friday Harbor

All fares one-way

current proposed

N/C

N/C

N/C

proposed

15.45

4.75

proposed

19.35

19.35

5.95

proposed

Passenger Fares

Full Fare	
Sr. Citizen or Disabled	
Youth Fare (6 – 18)	

Vehicle Fares (Off-Peak)

Auto & Driver
Auto & Sr. Citizen/Disabled Driver
Motorcycle & Driver

Peak Season Vehicle Fares

Auto & Driver
Auto & Sr. Citizen/Disabled Driver
Motorcycle & Driver

Coupon Books, Passes, Cards

Auto Freq. I	User Multi-ride
PURCHASED (ONLINE OR AT KIOSK
PURCHASED A	AT TOLL BOOTH

Motorcycle Freq. User Multi-ride PURCHASED ONLINE OR AT KIOSK

PURCHASED ONLINE OR AT KIOSK

Passenger Monthly Pass PURCHASED ONLINE OR AT KIOSK PURCHASED AT RETAIL OUTLET

located in all WSF terminals.

Purchased at Toll Booth: Multi-ride discounted products purchased at the tollbooth will be priced higher than those purchased online or through a WSF kiosk. To allow customers time to become familiar and comfortable with the new system, these tollbooth prices will not go into effect until the first fare change opportunity no sooner than six months after successful completion of EFS implementation system-wide. The earliest possible implementation date would be October 9, 2006.

among these routes.

Fauntleroy

Southworth

\$4.70

2.30

3.80

current

8.20

7.00

3.60

current

10.30

9.10

4.50

131.20

131.20

57.60

57.60

37.60

37.60

61.20

61.20

current proposed

Pass, fares round-trip

current proposed

\$5.00

2.50

4.00

proposed

8.70

7.45

4.05

proposed

10.90

9.65

5.10

139.20

141.70

64.80

67.30

40.00

42.00

64.00

65.00

Southworth Vashon

current proposed

\$4.00

2.00

3.20

current

13.60

11.60

6.00

current

17.00

15.00

7.50

current

108.80

108.80

48.00

48.00

32.00

32.00

52.20

52.20

\$4.20

2.10

3.40

proposed

14.40

12.30

6.75

proposed

18.00

15.90

8.45

proposed

115.20

117.70

54.00

56.50

33.60

35.30

53.80

54.80

Mukilteo Pt Defiance Tahleauah Clinton All fares round-trip Pass, fares round-trip

current proposed

\$3.85

1.90

3.10

proposed

6.65

5.65

3.15

proposed

8.35

7.35

3.95

proposed

106.40

108.90

50.40

52.90

30.80

32.35

49.30

50.30

DISCOUNTED MULTI-RIDE PRODUCTS

91.50

97.50

97.50

65.70

65.70

N/A

current

99.65

108.75

111.25

69.25

71.75

N/A

proposed

109.90

105.00

105.00

65.70

65.70

N/A

EARLY

END

EARLY

END

EARLY

END

118.95

118.15

120.65

69.25

71.75

N/A

12.80

5.75

6.40

9.25

current proposed

11.00 11.55

9.80 10.25

12.20

5.50

6.10

8.80

\$3.60

1.80

2.90

current

6.30

5.40

2.70

current

7.90

7.00

3.40

current

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100.80

43.20

43.20

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EARLY	4.50		EARLY	4.5	-	
END	5.00	5.30	END	5.0	0	5.30
EARLY	7.30	7.70	EARLY	7.3	0	
END	8.10	8.55	END	8.1	0	8.55
	current	proposed		current	: 1	proposed
EARLY	22.00	23.35	EARLY	26.4		
END	24.40	25.90	END	29.3	0	31.05
EARLY	17.40	18.55	EARLY	21.8	0	23.15
END		20.55	END	24.2	0	25.70
EARLY		13.05	EARLY	12.6	0	
END	13.00	14.50	END	14.0	0	15.75
		proposed				proposed
EARLY		31.55	EARLY	35.7		
END		35.00	END	39.6		
EARLY	24.20		EARLY	30.2		
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EARLY		17.65	EARLY	17.1		
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N/A

END

EARLY

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EARLY

END

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140.90

69.25

71.75

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Anacortes

Friday Harbor

All fares round-trip

EARLY \$9.10 \$9.60

4.50

5.00

7.30

8.10

34.80

END 15.10 17.25

current proposed EARLY 31.40 33.25

26.80 28.45

29.70 31.55 EARLY 13.60 15.55

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EARLY

END

END

EARLY

current proposed

10.10 10.65

4.80

5.30

7.70

8.55

36.90

N/A = Not AvailableN/C = No Charge 61.80 55.60 55.60 64.30

Individuals requiring reasonable accom-

modation may request written materials in alternate formats, sign language

interpreters, physical accessibility accom-

modations, or other reasonable accom-

modation by contacting (360) 664-9009. Persons with hearing impairment may

PURCHASED ONLINE OR AT KIOSK
PURCHASED AT TOLL BOOTH

PURCHASED AT TOLL BOOTH

Passenger Freq. User Multi-ride PURCHASED AT TOLL BOOTH

PASS NOT AVAILABLE AT TOLL BOOTH

Purchased Online or at Kiosk: Once the Electronic Fare System (EFS) is implemented, tickets will be available for purchase using the internet and at electronic kiosks

Fares shown are total Seattle round-trip cost (base Vashon fare + POF surcharge)

Passenger-Only Ferries	current	proposed
Full Fare	\$8.10	\$8.50
Sr. Citizen or Disabled	4.00	4.25
Youth Fare (6 – 18)	6.90	7.20
Passenger Freq. User Multi-ride		
PURCHASED ONLINE OR AT KIOSK	68.80	72.00
PURCHASED AT TOLL BOOTH	68.80	74.50
Passenger Monthly Pass		
PURCHASED ONLINE OR AT KIOSK	111.10	115.20
PURCHASED AT RETAIL OUTLET	111.10	116.20

Peak Season Passenger Fares

- 11 -	EARLY	11.00	11.55
Full Fare	END	12.20	12.80
6 600	EARLY	5.50	5.75
Sr. Citizen or Disabled		6.10	6.40
), il = (6 0)	EARLY	8.80	9.25
Youth Fare (6 – 18)		9.80	10.25

Peak Season is effective May 1st through the second Sunday in October.

Auto is defined as a motor vehicle under 20' long & under 7'-6" high.

full Fare		END	12.20	12.80
		EARLY	5.50	5.75
r. Citizen or Disabled		END	6.10	6.40
outh Fare (6 – 18)		EARLY	8.80	9.25
		END	9.80	10.25

cover 10 round-trips.

Monthly Pass prices **Frequent User Coupon Books** will be replaced are based on the with EFS multi-ride cards in the spring of 2006. These books (to be replaced with EFS equivalent cost of cards) cover 10 round-trips for all routes except 16 round trips using those in and to the San Juan Islands. Islands passenger coupon books, plus a \$1.00 auto coupon books cover 5 round-trips while passenger and motorcycle coupon books handling fee at retail outlets.

call Washington State Telecommunications Relay Service (TTY) at (800) 833-6388, N/A Tele-Braille at (800) 833-6385 or Voice at (800) 833-6384 and ask to be connected to 5.75 6.40

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Title VI Coordinator at (360) 705-7098.

current proposed EARLY 11.00 11.55 12.20 12.80 5.50 6.10 8.80 9.25

9.80 10.25